

CITY-COUNTY PARKS BOARD

MINUTES

September 3, 2014

City-County Building, room 426

CALL TO ORDER

11:34 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Payne, M.C. Beeby, Jane Kollmeyer, Melissa Lewis, Dennis Peterson. Pat Doyle and John Carter were excused.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Commissioner Andres Haladay

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Marr, Amy Teegarden, Liz Jones, Matt Heiml, Carol Kirkland

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND REVIEW OF AGENDA

A quorum was present. Changes were made to the agenda order.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

The August 6, 2014, minutes were approved as presented.

PRESENTATIONS - Karen Lane and Katie Wagner of the City-County Health Department reviewed the results of the tobacco-free parks survey. Following the presentation, there was discussion prior to taking action which follows below.

Stacy gave a report on the La Casa Grande playground proposal which was requesting \$50,000 in financial assistance from the county to replace the existing playground and develop a walking trail. Homeowners would do the playground installation, and the trail would be developed with help from the Boy Scouts. After the East Helena build, Stacy said other neighborhoods have asked to have the same kind of event. Amy noted that Matt may want to investigate the county's regional park funds for availability of money. She also suggested that perhaps the county's funds could be used as a match for grant funds.

DISCUSSION ITEMS Standing Items: proposed regional park district: Amy reviewed the regional park phase 2 report addressing requirements to establish a park district and cost estimates. The recommendation was that a single jurisdiction special district would be easier to establish. For assessments, Helena and East Helena would consider elementary school district boundaries, and Jefferson County would consider voting precincts. There was extensive discussion. Tobacco-free parks moved to presentation item followed by action.

ACTION ITEMS - Approve, table, deny recommending to the City Commission whether or not to continue the tobacco-free policy at Centennial Park and/or to expand to other parks or city park system or implement other management options. Jane moved and M.C. seconded a motion to recommend to make all developed city parks in city of Helena tobacco free. The motion was amended and moved by Jane and seconded by Dave as follows: Based on the first year of implementation of a tobacco-free policy at Centennial

Park and the assessment information, the Parks Board recommends to the City Commission to continue the tobacco-free policy at Centennial Park and to expand the tobacco-free policy to all developed city parks. Motion carried unanimously. During discussion, Craig commented that posting of all of the policies for city parks would create a large number of signs in the parks. Amy will get the tobacco-free policy discussion scheduled for administrative and city commission meetings.

REPORTS

CITY - Amy reported nothing has been done yet on Peanut Park.

COUNTY - Matt noted the county's open lands program is being overhauled and streamlined to shorten the timeline. The Johnson conservation easement is in its 30-day public comment period. The 46 Degrees North subdivision will be going to the county commission for action.

HOLMAC - Jane had nothing to report.

LINCOLN - Denny has been working on restroom improvements for Hooper Park. He is considering resigning at the end of October but getting the park closed, but he would report in November.

RECREATION - Liz reported the summer rec season is over with no major glitches. She will be working on reports and preparing for ice skating and maybe a couple of new programs.

MAINTENANCE - Craig reported maintenance is wrapping up the season. Maintenance has provided ADA access into the shelter at Centennial and is taking over maintenance at Mountain View Park.

FAIR BOARD - Dave reported there is discussion on how to move forward at the fairgrounds. The board is considering seeking grants and perhaps another bond proposal and using volunteer labor for some of the work.

PLAYABLE PLAYGROUND - Stacy reported the East Helena build was finished, and fund raising continues.

SCHOOL DISTRICT -

BIKE HELENA -

OTHER -

COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (BOARD MEMBERS)

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: October 1, 2014

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS: regional park presentation to entities; La Casa Grande Park funding

ADJOURN - 1:03 P.M.

Carol Kirkland
Recorder